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CROWN PRINCE REPULSES FRENCH, HOLDS FORT VAUX, BERLIN CLAIMS

MRS. BEUTINGER ON STAND SAYS SHE KILLED HUSBAND TO SAVE HER OWN LIFE

Tortured Whole Ten Years of Married Career, Testifies Widow on Trial.

CHILDREN HEAR STORY.

Fired Fatal Shots After Violent Attack in Bedroom, Woman Asserts.

In a voice which quavered with her sobbing as she leaned toward the jury box, tears streaking her cheeks, Mrs. Margaret Claire Beutinger this afternoon described how she shot her husband Christof at her bedside in their home at Caldwell, N. J., early on the morning of July 11 last.

Every one in the Essex County Court House in Newark leaned forward to hear that is, all save one, Mrs. Beutinger's little three-year-old son Billy. He lay asleep in the lap of his aunt, Mrs. Jennie Herndon, throughout it all.

And when his mother had finished her story the youngster, still half asleep, was carried out of the room. Mrs. Beutinger's other four children, on a front bench in the spectators' enclosure, had paid attention, but apparently more to their mother's crying than to what she said.

Only Margaret and Marie, the eldest girls, seemed to understand, because they were in the bedroom when Mrs. Beutinger fired the five shots which killed their father and they had seen him crumple up on the floor beside the bed.

In Mrs. Beutinger's recital there was every dramatic element save gesture, which was limited to the quick raising of her handkerchief to wipe away her tears, but it lacked all suggestion of counterfeit emotion. Mrs. Beutinger went quickly to the witness stand and needed to be asked but once by Robert H. McCarter, her counsel, to raise her voice. After that she replied in clear, quiet tones.

She said she was twenty-eight years old and was born in Jamaica. It was there she and Beutinger were married on Dec. 26, 1905. They had met on a steamer bound thence from New York.

Q. What was his general disposition? A. He was a high-tempered man who often drank to excess. We went to the Philippines in March, 1907. While we were at the Hobbit House, in Washington, that January, he got drunk and struck me. Also he struck me when we were at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Q. How big a man was your husband? A. He weighed 280 pounds and was built like Jack Johnson.

Mrs. Beutinger's voice, usually clear and calm, broke and there were tears in her eyes when asked for details of the birth of her five children, the first

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MAKE PLEA FOR OIL MEN

Federal Mediators Moffit and Smith are in Bayonne today trying to bring about permanent peace by obtaining for the Standard Oil workers what they call "a reasonable increase in wages."

Though it is denied by the police and the company that another strike is imminent, it is admitted the workers are dissatisfied and that only an increase in wages can assure anything like permanent peace in the district. While the mediators and the oil officials are conferring, the police said they would not permit mass meetings of any kind.

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STATE FOR WILSON IF TAMMANY DOES ITS SHARE IN CITY

100,000 for President in Greater New York Will Insure Victory.

FARMERS TURN TO HIM.

Republicans Alarmed by Desertions—Wilson Tide Is Rising Every Day.

By Samuel M. Williams.
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Oct. 26.—The fate of President Wilson is in the hands of Tammany. If New York City will give him 100,000 plurality, New York State's forty-five electoral votes can be counted in the Democratic column, insuring his re-election.

This prediction is made from Gloversville, a citadel of Republicanism, the haven of tariff-protected industries, the parade ground of stand-patters, after a tour of regions where G. O. P. majorities have never wavered until to-day.

Northern New York has been invaded, not by Democracy, but by Woodrow Wilson. He alone, more powerful than his party, is shattering Republican ranks, causing men classed as uncompromising patriots and loyal voters to waver in their allegiance.

The great majorities returned for Republican Presidential candidates by these up-State counties in the past have been dwindling down, seeping steadily, in trickling streams, through the whole rock-ribbed region. Every city, every town, every farming section acknowledges its sapping disaffection and "regrets to report" that lines cannot be held quite as before.

Even St. Lawrence County, which for years has proudly proclaimed itself the Republican Gibraltar, admits insidious inroads of Wilson sentiment, not yet a landslide, but enough to cause danger signals to be run up.

Mr. Hughes himself is to hasten to the rescue. That a Presidential candidate should find it necessary to spend the most valuable political day of the week campaigning in the far northern counties and devote a Saturday night to Ogdensburg on the St. Lawrence River is in itself a sign of critical extremity.

FARMERS SWELLING THE WILSON TIDE.

The farmers, the men of small towns, are contributing their mite, but they cannot do it all. They will cut down, but not overturn. They can attack Gibraltar, but not capture it.

Hence, it follows that the decisive part falls to Tammany. If the metropolis is merely regular and only passively falls in line, the Republicans can still squeeze their candidate through with the host of faithful that will rally to the oft-sounded slogans of the Grand Old Party.

The signs of the times point to a strong Republican majority for Hughes up State, but not the overwhelming majorities of former years. The 200,000 plurality secured in rural counties by Whitman in 1914 will not be given to Hughes. No political sharp has been able to figure yet what it will be, but the most optimistic of them outside of national headquarters do not put it at more than 100,000. Party workers who are now traversing the State are more pessimistic than office bosses in New York City.

Gov. Whitman and party have just

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Phantom Lover Mystery Clouds Woman's Suit for \$100,000 In Heart Balm

Not Same "Herndon" Who Made Love to Her, Miss Connell Says of Witness.

HE NEVER KNEW HER.

Wealthy Toothpowder Man Asked to Pay for Failing to Keep Marriage Promise.

Had Richard J. Herndon, wealthy business man, walked into Supreme Court Justice Thayer's courtroom, where Miss Margaret Connell's \$100,000 breach of promise suit against Whitney Lyon, millionaire toothpowder manufacturer, went to trial to-day before a jury, the mystery of her phantom lover would have been solved.

Ten minutes after the plump, blue-eyed young woman took the stand to tell of her courtship and shattered romance, Attorney George Gordon Battle suspended his cross-examination of Miss Connell and called a Richard G. Herndon to the stand.

Miss Connell had previously stated that Herndon had made violent love to her while she was also being courted by the wealthy tooth powder man and that she had given up Herndon because of his Herndon and Lyon objected to making love to a woman who had already promised to be a wife.

But Richard G. Herndon's appearance on the stand only served to deepen the mystery enshrouding the phantom Mr. Herndon.

"I am manager of the Russian Ballet," said Mr. Herndon, "but I never met that young woman (pointing to Miss Connell) in my life and surely if I made love to her I ought to be the one to know."

The group of women, young and middle aged, who sat in the rear of the courtroom surrounding Mr. Lyon, who is fifty-five, and twenty years Miss Connell's senior, laughed at the apparent flat contradiction in testimony.

NOT THE MAN WHO MADE LOVE TO HER.

Then Miss Connell resumed the stand and insisted that Richard J. Herndon made love to her and she had repulsed him.

"Do you mean to say that Mr. Herndon, who was just on the stand, made love to you?" asked Mr. Battle.

"No, that Mr. Herndon I have never seen in my life before," she replied.

Herndon was again called to the witness stand, and he declared that he had never heard of another Richard Herndon in his life. He admitted, however, that he knew a Miss Dorothy Webb, an actress, who, Miss Connell declared, had introduced her to Mr. Herndon.

Miss Connell hurried to the witness chair again, and this time Mr. Battle sought to bring out some of the phantom Mr. Herndon's love-making characteristics.

"Now about your Mr. Herndon," asked Mr. Battle, "did he really make love to you?"

"No, not particularly," said the witness.

"What does that mean?" asked the lawyer.

"Well, while he was taking Miss Hughes up State, but not the overwhelming majorities of former years. The 200,000 plurality secured in rural counties by Whitman in 1914 will not be given to Hughes. No political sharp has been able to figure yet what it will be, but the most optimistic of them outside of national headquarters do not put it at more than 100,000. Party workers who are now traversing the State are more pessimistic than office bosses in New York City.

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27 DIE, 25 MISSING, 25 CHILDREN HURT IN HOSPITAL BLAZE

Little Ones Jump From Third-Story Windows and Are Badly Maimed on Stone Pavements.

FIRE ESCAPES USELESS.

350 Inmates of Farnham, Canada, Institution Asleep When the Flames Started.

FAIRFAX, Que., Oct. 26.—Late this afternoon it was reported that at least twenty-seven lives had been lost in the fire which destroyed the Roman Catholic hospital at Elizabeth Hall early to-day.

Twenty-five children were injured in jumping from the upper stories, and about twenty-five more are missing.

More than 250 persons were asleep in the hospital when the blaze was discovered. Unable to make their way to safety over the fire escapes nearly all of them jumped from the windows.

The fire escapes were said to be useless for panic conditions.

The institution was managed by the Gray Nuns and comprised two buildings, one for hospital patients, the other a school for children.

The Gray Nuns, who conducted the institution, displayed great heroism. One sister climbed to the third floor and risked her life handing helpless children through windows to firemen and citizens on ladders.

Twenty-five of the children who jumped to the stone pavements are badly injured and four of them may die.

A gale which blew up shortly after the fire started hastened the destruction of the buildings, and during the rescue work the electric lights went out.

Fire Department engines were started from St. Johns, Que., but some of the equipment fell from the special train en route. A railroad section hand was killed rushing to the fire on a hand-car.

WILSON MONEY GOES BEGGING IN BETTING

Loads of It Offered at 9 to 10, but Republican Speculators Are Asking Even Money.

Loads of Wilson money, much of it from the middle West, where nobody apparently is willing to bet on Hughes at any odds, were offered to-day at 9 to 10, but few bets were recorded. The Republican speculators and the professionals who still think that Hughes has a chance because he ought to carry New York are holding out for even money.

As a matter of fact the betting is now established at even money and many wise Wilson betters consider that it is about time to wager at even odds and not wait until they have to give odds.

From present indications Wilson should be an odds on favorite by the end of the week. This is the judgment of betting men.

Reports from up-State printed in the New York newspapers—particularly the reports in The Evening World—which show a strong trend to Wilson, have shortened the odds on New York State. Not long ago a great deal of money was bet at 3 to 1 that Hughes will carry New York. Yesterday the odds were 19 to 8. To-day New York is an even money proposition.

Dorgeloh had been connected with the bank fifteen years, entering it in a minor capacity. The fortunes made over night in Wall Street tempted him. His pet speculation was Bethlehem Steel, but he got into the market before the days of the war broke, and was swamped.

He will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Houghton late this afternoon.

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JOFFRE'S TROOPS DRIVE ON, ONLY 500 YARDS FROM VAUX; PARIS SURE OF ITS CAPTURE

New Offensive at Verdun Began With a Terrific Artillery Fire Exactly 8 Months After Germans Began Effort to Take Stronghold.

DETAILS OF THE BATTLE SHOWING HOW FRENCH WON

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Oct. 26.—The Crown Prince's troops have repulsed violent French attacks against Fort Vaux, northeast of Verdun, said an official statement this afternoon. Loss of Fort Douaumont and the village of Douaumont are admitted, but the War Office says the troops escaped capture.

"Favored by misty weather the French advanced beyond the destroyed trenches to the fort and village of Douaumont," said the official statement. "The fort, which had been set on fire, had been evacuated by the garrison. We did not succeed in recouping it and our troops took positions to the north, in the majority of cases only under strict command of their officers and with reluctance. In these positions yesterday, all further French attacks were repulsed, including especially violent ones against Vaux."

PARIS, Oct. 26.—French troops at Verdun are following up as fast as they can the advantages gained by their sudden forward sweep on Tuesday.

According to the latest information they have closed in to within less than five hundred yards of Vaux Fort. Announcement of the capture is momentarily expected here, thus completely restoring the French line held on Feb. 25.

German artillery shelled positions captured by the French in the region of Vaux and Douaumont last night, says to-day's official report.

The German forces at Verdun are reacting slowly and with much apparent lack of strength. They no longer possess a general reserve, but are obliged to withdraw men from one section of the front to reinforce another section in case of need.

The three Lieutenant Generals who, under the command of Gen. Mangin, led the attacking divisions, were all lieutenant colonels at the outbreak of the war and had been singled out by Gen. Joffre for promotion on account of their technical ability, energy and initiative.

With their Somme offensive permanently established the French began their new offensive at Verdun on Oct. 21, eight months to the day after the beginning of the Crown Prince's great effort. It was begun with a great artillery attack. The infantry attack which was begun Tuesday was witnessed by Gen. Joffre.

From an observation post in one of the Verdun forts the correspondent watched the French infantry launch the attack at 11:40 o'clock Tuesday morning. The rain, the fog and the constant explosion of shells hid the men from sight, but it was possible to follow the French advance by the shifting of the barrage fires, especially that of the Germans, which first came from Froide Terre and then was forced to shorten upon Thiaumont and then Douaumont as the French swept all before them.

Telephone calls from other French forts kept us informed of the French advance. First, at 12:30, Helly ravine was captured, the voice over the telephone said. Then the Haudromont quarries—the village of Douaumont, the forests of Chapelle, Famin, Chenois, Lauffe and Callette in quick succession. There was a short pause and the telephone brought word of the capture of Vaux pond.

It was 3 o'clock when Fort Souville

OFFICERS AND 73 MEN LOST ON TORPEDOED SHIP

British Admiralty Announces the Sinking of Mine Sweeper Genista by a Submarine.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The British mine-sweeping vessel Genista has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an announcement given out by the British Admiralty.

All the officers and seventy-three members of the mine-sweeper's crew were lost. The survivors numbered twelve.

VILLA DEMANDS THAT U. S. TROOPS WITHDRAW

COLUMBUS, N. M., Oct. 26.—Villa forces operating near Namoitiqua, only twenty-five miles south of the American expedition's southern outpost, have demanded the shortening of the American troop line and gradual evacuation of Mexican territory by the United States army, Americans coming to the border from Mexico report.

COLER MAY VOTE FROM HOLE.

Court Rules Excavation on Site of Home Constitutes Residence.

Bird S. Coler will vote from his old home, though it now consists only of good intentions and a hole in the ground. The application of Robert W. Vincent, a taxpayer, to have Mr. Coler's name stricken from the registration roll was denied this afternoon by Justice Manning in Brooklyn.

"It is the constitutional right of a citizen to vote," ruled the judge. "It is true that Mr. Coler is putting up a new house at No. 179 New York Avenue and that there is little there now but the foundation, but he has lived at that address and voted from there for twelve years."